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PERFORMING IMMUNOASSAYS WITH ULTRA HIGH SENSITIVITY

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on February 13, 2003, in connection with the captioned application. By the attached petition for extension of time and check for the requisite fee, applicants have extended the time for responding until July 14, 2003.

The amendments presented below comply with the revised amendment format permitted by the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made to the claims, specification and drawings of this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.